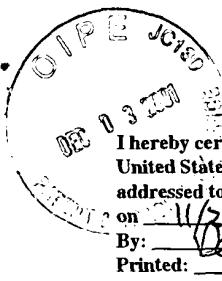


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 26, line 23, ending on page 27, line 2, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The columns of Table 3 show the tissue-specificity and diseases, disorders, or conditions associated with nucleotide sequences encoding EXCS. The first column of Table 3 lists the nucleotide SEQ ID NOs. Column 2 lists fragments of the nucleotide sequences of column 1. These fragments are useful, for example, in hybridization or amplification technologies to identify SEQ ID NO:27-52 and to distinguish between SEQ ID NO:27-52 and related polynucleotide sequences. The polypeptides encoded by these fragments are useful, for example, as immunogenic peptides. Column 3 lists tissue categories which express EXCS as a fraction of total tissues expressing EXCS. Column 4 lists diseases, disorders, or conditions associated with those tissues expressing EXCS as a fraction of total tissues expressing EXCS. Of particular note is the expression of SEQ ID NO:30. This sequence is detected in six cDNA libraries, all of which were constructed independently using RNA isolated from prostate tissue.

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